



AGENDA REPORT

TO: Edward D. Reiskin
City Administrator

FROM: Susan E. Manheimer
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SUBJECT: OPD COPS Frontline Law
Enforcement 2020 Grant

DATE: October 28, 2020

City Administrator Approval 

Date: Nov 19, 2020

RECOMMENDATION

Staff Recommends That The City Council Adopt A Resolution Authorizing The City Administrator, Or Designee, To Accept and Appropriate The Fiscal Year 2020 State Of California "Citizens Options For Public Safety" (State COPS Grant XXIII) Allocation In The Amount Of Six Hundred Fifty-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$658,820) Plus Accrued Interest Earnings, Of Up To Ten Thousand Dollars For A Total Amount Not To Exceed Six Hundred Sixty-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$668,820), To Fund Helicopter Maintenance, Computer And Technology Upgrades, And Stop Sticks For Patrol Cars.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Oakland Police Department (OPD) has been awarded \$658,820 plus approximately \$10,000 in accrued interest by the State of California Legislature for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Citizens' Option for Public Safety (State COPS Grant XXIII). State COPS Grant funds are distributed to each county for distribution to cities to support front-line law enforcement, based on a population size distribution formula. OPD is seeking approval to use its front-line law enforcement grant allocation to fund helicopter maintenance, invest in computer and technology upgrades, and to purchase stop sticks.

BACKGROUND / LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

For the 23rd consecutive year, the State Legislature has authorized supplemental funding of front-line law enforcement through the State COPS and Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) Grant program. In 2020, 50 percent of the grant funds are allocated to counties to spend on juvenile justice work, 39.7 percent of grant funds are separately allocated to cities for front-line law enforcement (this OPD COPS Grant), and 10.3 percent of funds are allocated to county sheriffs and district attorneys (see **Attachment A** for the Award Letter Grant Allocation List).

As in past years, the entire 2020 grant amount and accrued interest is restricted by statute for frontline law enforcement expenses. Examples of "frontline law enforcement" include personnel and equipment (e.g. officer training, vehicles, officer equipment), which are utilized in everyday

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contact with the public. OPD has used past State COPS grant funds for a variety of allowed uses, such as:

- Vehicle purchases and upgrades;
- Anti-human trafficking operations (personnel);
- Ceasefire operations (personnel);
- Equipment and equipment maintenance;
- Software and technology upgrades; and
- Other personnel and training needs.

The grant program is a supplemental funding source for local governments. There is no guarantee that this grant will be continued by the State of California Legislature in future years. The COPS legislation, Assembly Bill (AB) 1913 requires that funds are received by the Alameda County Treasury and distributed to local jurisdictions through the Law Enforcement Services Account within the Local Revenue Fund 2011.

In the past five years, the City Council has approved several resolutions to accept and appropriate State COPS Grants: Grant XXII via Resolution No. 87938 C.M.S., Grant XXI via Resolution No. 87819 C.M.S., Grant XX via Resolution No. 87138 C.M.S., Grant XIX via Resolution No. 86530 C.M.S., and Grant XVIII via Resolution No. 86313 C.M.S.

ANALYSIS AND POLICY ALTERNATIVES

The Oakland Police Department is seeking City Council approval to accept and appropriate State COPS XXIII funds per the spending plan below.

Helicopter Repairs/Maintenance: \$250,000

Funds will be used to fund much-needed ongoing helicopter maintenance for OPD's helicopter which is over 25 years old and requires frequent maintenance and repairs exceeding the current allocation from the General-Purpose Fund. This use of funds was identified in the report that supported the recent helicopter maintenance contract approval (CMS 88173).

Computer and Technology Upgrades: \$358,820

Funds will be used for various needed technology upgrades, including the purchase of new computers, software, licenses, and other needed hardware for OPD staff. These funds are necessary to augment general fund support for the department's use of technology.

Stop Sticks: \$50,000

Funds will be used to purchase high speed pursuit tire-deflation device ("stop sticks") for patrol cars. These devices can be thrown into the road in advance of a fleeing vehicle to deflate the vehicle tires and terminate a pursuit; the devices look like long triangular prisms (long enough to reach both tires of an average vehicle) and contain small internal spikes which can puncture vehicle tires and slowly deflate them. Stop Sticks can also be used to end pursuits (stop vehicles by puncturing the tires) or to stop a pursuit from occurring - setting the Stop Stick in a

stationary location of a suspect's vehicle so that the suspect cannot drive away without running over the device.

FISCAL IMPACT

OPD seeks to use its \$658,820 State COPS XXIII allocation to fund helicopter maintenance and invest in new equipment, as detailed below. There is no match requirement for this grant. The appropriation is solely an addition to City funds and cannot be used to supplant City funding from any other fund.

Cost Breakdown for State COPS XXIII Spending Plan:

Item	Amount
Helicopter Repairs/Maintenance	\$250,000
Computer/Technology Upgrades	\$358,820
Stop Sticks (approximately 100)	\$50,000
Total	\$658,820

Funding will be allocated in the State of California Grant Fund (2158); Fiscal Services Division Org (106510); State COPS XXIII Project (TBD); Agency-wide Administration Program (PS01).

Fund Source	Organization	Project	Program	Amount
2158	106510	TBD	PS01	\$658,820

PUBLIC OUTREACH / INTEREST

There was no public outreach for the preparation of this report beyond the standard noticing procedures. There is public interest as funds will be used to enhance public and officer safety, and to reduce the likelihood of engaging in high speed chases.

COORDINATION

This report and resolution were reviewed by the Office of the City Attorney and the Budget Bureau.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic: Whenever possible, equipment used for this project will be purchased locally.

Environmental: There are no environmental issues associated with this report.


Race and Social Equity: The services provided through this initiative will assist the policing services for all residents and visitors. There are no initiatives associated with this grant that particularly focus on disadvantaged communities.

ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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For questions regarding this report, please contact Shamika Shaves, OPD, Fiscal Services Manager at (510) 238-4767.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments (1)

A: State COPS Grant 2020 Award Letter Grant Allocation List